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Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "***IN VITRO* CELL CULTURE EMPLOYING A FIBRIN NETWORK IN A FLEXIBLE GAS PERMEABLE CONTAINER**", filed herewith.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the Claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

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